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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 6 and 11 and add Claims 24-28 as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for at least ameliorating a symptom associated with pressure applied to the median nerve of the carpal tunnel of a host, said method comprising:
topically applying an affective amount of a topical NSAID formulation to a palmar dermal surface of said subject proximal to said carpal tunnel;
A ~~whereby to ameliorate~~ at least one symptom associated with pressure applied to the median nerve of ~~said the~~ carpal tunnel ~~of said host~~ is at least ameliorated.
2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said topical NSAID formulation comprises a nonsalicylate NSAID.
3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said topical formulation is a cream.
4. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said topical formulation is a patch.
5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said host is a mammal.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a mammal suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, said method comprising:
A2 topically applying a nonsalicylate NSAID formulation to a palmar dermis of said mammal for a period of time sufficient for amelioration of at least one symptom of said syndrome to occur;
~~whereby to treat~~ said mammal is treated.
7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein said mammal is a human.
8. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein said formulation is a cream.

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9. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein said formulation is a patch.
10. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein said symptom is pain.
11. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a human suffering from pain caused by pressure on the median nerve, said method comprising:
topically applying a nonsalicylate NSAID formulation to the palmar dermis proximal to said median nerve in a manner sufficient to at least reduce said pain;
~~whereby to treat said mammal is treated.~~
12. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID formulation is a cream.
13. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID formulation is a patch.
14. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is an acetic acid.
15. (Original) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said NSAID is diclofenac.
16. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is indomethacin.
17. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is ibuprofen.
18. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is ketoprofen.
19. (Original) A kit for use in treating a subject suffering from pain associated with carpal tunnel syndrome, said kit comprising:
a topical NSAID formulation; and
instructions for practicing the method according to Claim 1.
20. (Original) The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said NSAID formulation comprises a nonsalicylate NSAID.

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21. (Original) The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said formulation is a cream.
22. (Original) The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said formulation is a patch.
23. (Original) The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said NSAID is an acetic acid.
24. (New) A method for at least ameliorating a symptom associated with pressure applied to the median nerve of the carpal tunnel of a host, said method comprising:
contacting a wrist band comprising a patch comprising a topical NSAID formulation to a palmar dermal surface proximal to a carpal tunnel of a subject to topically applying an effective amount of said topical NSAID formulation to said palmar dermal surface proximal to said carpal tunnel;
to ameliorate at least one symptom associated with pressure applied to the median nerve of the carpal tunnel of said host.
25. (New) The method according to Claim 24, further comprising holding said patch in place relative to said palmar dermal surface for a period of time.
26. (New) The method according to Claim 25, wherein said period of time is at least about 30 minutes.
27. (New) The method according to Claim 24, wherein said NSAID formulation is at least one of: acetic acid, diclofenac, indomethacin, ibuprofen, and ketoprofen.
28. (New) A method for treating a human suffering from pain caused by pressure on the median nerve, said method comprising:
contacting a wrist band comprising a patch comprising a nonsalicylate NSAID formulation to the palmar dermis proximal to said median nerve to topically applying said nonsalicylate NSAID formulation to said palmar dermis;
to treat said human.